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U.S. Copyright Office

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The Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices

AGENCY: U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress.

ACTION: Register of Copyrights releases the Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Copyright Office (the “Office”) is announcing the release of its administrative manual, the *Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition* (the “*Third Edition*”). It is available on the Office’s website and is effective as of December 22, 2014.

DATES: The *Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition* is available on the Office’s website as of December 22, 2014.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The *Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices* is the administrative manual of the Register of Copyrights concerning the mandate and statutory duties of the Copyright Office under title 17 of the United States Code. It serves as both a technical manual for the Office’s staff, as well as a guidebook for authors, copyright licensees, practitioners, scholars, the courts, and members of the general public.

On August 20, 2014 the Office released a public draft of this manual titled, *Compendium of U.S. Copyright Office Practices, Third Edition*. 79 FR 49343. The first major revision in more than two decades, the *Third Edition* is a comprehensive overhaul that makes the practices and standards of the Office more accessible and transparent to the public and sets the stage for a number of long-term improvements in registration and recordation policy.

The Office is now announcing the release of the official version of the *Third Edition*. It is available on the Office's website at <http://copyright.gov/comp3/>. The *Third Edition* is effective as of December 22, 2014 and is the governing administrative manual for registrations and recordations issued by the Office on or after that date.

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